SUBJECT No. 21.

Reduction of the minimum area for the sub-division of a *hiduvali* coffee land to 5 acres.

Mr. Malali Venkataramaiya, South Mysore Native Planters' Association.

The member urged that the minimum area for the sub-division of a coffee land in a holding might be reduced from 15 acres to 5 or 6 acres as in the case of cardamom lands, as the present limit of 15 acres acted as a hardship in the case of people who wish to transfer a few acres of their land to others.

The Dewan replied that the subject would be noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 22.

Earthen *bandhs* to be replaced by stones of one foot square

Messrs. M. C. Lingegowda and S. C. Malliah, Mandya Taluk.

The members urged that stones of one foot square might be ordered to be set up in place of earthen *bandhs* in dry survey numbers particularly on black cotton soil as the existing boundary marks were burrowed into by field mice which caused terrible damage to the standing crops.

The Dewan replied that the suggestion would be given effect to in cases in which the landholders were willing to pay for the stones and where stones of the required size were readily available.

SUBJECT No. 23.

Levy of a single water rate on lands irrigated by percolation of water.

Messrs. K. S. Channabasappa, G. Venkataseshaiya, Gundlupet Taluk and V. K. Nanjundaiya, Gundlupet Municipality.

The members urged that single, instead of double water rate, might be ordered to be collected on lands cultivated with wet crops by means of percolation of water from a tank or channel.

The Dewan replied that, if any land was being used as wet for five years, orders would issue for the conversion of such lands into wet.

SUBJECT No. 24.

Grant of wet lands lying fallow for 12 years or more for cultivation on dry rates of assessment.

Mr. Khadrappa, Sidlaghatta Taluk.

The member pointed out that wet rates of assessment were being collected on lands assessed to wet rates at a time when there was no water facility and the land was fit only for dry cultivation. As this was working as a hardship, he requested that wet lands lying fallow for twelve years or more might be given out for cultivation on dry rates of assessment only.

The Dewan replied that if, in any land classed as wet, it was not possible to raise wet crops, application might be made for the conversion of such land into dry when the same would receive due consideration.

SUBJECT No. 25.

Registry of the name of the nearest heir of the deceased *Khatedar* in a joint *khate*.

Mr. P. Seenappa, Bagepalli Taluk.

The member pointed out that, according to the existing rules, if one of the *khatedars* holding a joint *khate* died, the registry of the entire *khate* was made in the name of the surviving *khatedar*. As this operated prejudicially to the rights of the heirs of the deceased *khatedar*, he urged that, in case of the death of any of the joint *khatedars*, the *khate* might be made in the name of the nearest heir of the deceased *khatedar* jointly with the surviving joint *khatedar*.

The Dewan replied that the matter would be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 26.

Discontinuance of the enhanced rate for date trees.

Summary of representation.—The enhanced rate for date trees while valuing *malki* is causing great inconvenience to the raiyats. It is therefore prayed that the old rate of four annas a tree may be revived.

Messrs. T. Guruchannabasavaiya and Abdul Nabi Khan Saheb, Tumkur Municipality.

Withdrawn.

REVENUE—(REVENUE SURVEY AND SETTLEMENT.)

(No. 27.)

SUBJECT NO. 27.

(1) Copies of survey measurement books to be kept in taluk offices and also with shanbhogs.

(2) Requiring shanbhogs to undergo survey training.

Messrs. P. R. Lakshminaranappa, Mugur Municipality; K. Venkatasubbaiya, Talkad Municipality and Puttanna, T. Narasipur Municipality.

Mr. P. R. Lakshminaranappa suggested that copies of survey measurement books might be ordered to be kept in Taluk Offices and also with village shanbhogs to facilitate the quick disposal of petty complaints.

Per-contra, Mr. H. Krishna sastry and several other members pleaded that it was not expedient to keep such copies in taluk offices.

The Superintendent of Revenue Survey pointed out that it was not possible to comply with the request as the books in question were in Mahratti and there are no Mahratti knowing clerks in taluk offices and besides it might cost several lakhs of rupees to get copies of all these books made.

The Second Member of Council and the Dewan replied that the request was not feasible.

REVENUE—(FORESTS).

(Nos. 28 to 32.)

SUBJECT NO. 28.

(1) Grant of forest lands for cultivation.

(2) Grant of portions of *kans* for cultivation.

Messrs. (1) Javali Huchappa, Tyamagondlu Municipality and (2) H. S. Venkatappa Gowda, Tirthahalli Taluk.

(1) *Summary of Discussion.*—It was represented that certain areas free from plants and shrubs lying within the forest plantations might be formed into small survey numbers, and given out for cultivation to poor raiyts at a fixed *malki* or sold by public auction.

Reply of Government.—Open areas in the middle of forest plantations cannot be given out as it would affect the conservancy of the plantations. But the question of giving out for cultivation all such portions of plantations as could be conveniently separated will be favourably considered.

(2) Certain areas in the malnad are classed as *kans* and are not given out for cultivation, though they do not contain tree growth. In places where there is demand for land for cultivation, such *kans* may be given out as they will at least bring in revenue to Government.

Reply of Government.—It is against the accepted policy of Government to make *kan* lands available for cultivation as these *kans* form a peculiar feature of the malnad. No general order can be issued in the matter but individual cases of applications for *kan* lands for *bagayet* cultivation will be considered and disposed of by Government on the merits of each case.

SUBJECT NO. 29.

Grant of jambe wood in place of bamboos.

Mr. K. Channabasappa Gowda, Shikarpur Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—Owing to the death of bamboos in some parts of malnad, it is requested that jambe wood may be permitted to be given in place of bamboo for building purposes.

Reply of Government.—As jambe wood can be had at a low seigniorage rate of Rs. 1-8-0 a cart load under the Malnad Raiyats' Privileges Rules, the representation for a further reduction cannot be considered.